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TAGS: PINT, MILI, CB

SUBJ: SOSTHENE FERNANDEZ NAMED C IN C OF FANK

REF: PHNOM PENH 6 233

1. WE HAVE OBTAINED THE TEXT OF TWO DECREES CREATING THE POSITION OF COMMANDER- IN- CHIEF OF THE KHMER ARMED FORCES AND NAMING SOSTHENE FERNANDEZ TO THIS POSITION.

2. FOLLOWING IS OUR INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS OF DECREE 356/73 OF JUNE 13, 1973. BEGIN QUOTE: ARTICLE 2. THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE KHMER NATIONAL ARMED FORCES IS NAMED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC WITH THE ACCORD OF THE HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL.

ARTICLE 3. THE COMMANDER- IN- CHIEF OF THE KHMER NATIONAL ARMED FORCES DIRECTS THE WAR AND SUPERVISES THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE KHMER NATIONAL ARMED FORCES IN THE ADMINISTRATION.  
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TION OF THE ARMED FORCES.

ARTICLE 4. THE COMMANDER- IN- CHIEF OF THE KHMER NATIONAL  
ARMED FORCES IS RESPONSIBLE BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE  
CONDUCT OF THE WAR. END QUOTE

3. FOLLOWING IS OUR TRANSLATION OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH  
OF DECREE 357/73 PRK OF JUNE 13, 1973. BEGIN QUOTE:  
ARTICLE 1. MAJOR GENERAL SOSTHENE FERNANDEZ IS NAMED  
COMMANDER- IN- CHIEF OF THE KHMER NATIONAL ARMED FORCES  
CONCURRENT WITH HIS PRESENT FUNCTION OF CHIEF OF THE  
GENERAL STAFF OF THE KHMER NATIONAL ARMED FORCES.  
END QUOTE.

4. AS THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE NEITHER DECREE REFERS  
TO LON NOL' S TITLE OF SUPREME COMMANDER OF FANK.  
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